

**MINUTES**  
**Cedar Valley Distribution System**  
**February 21, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Those Present: Jared Manning, Mike Silva, Kurt Vest, Nathan Moses, Brent Hunter, Sam Bauer, Debbie Bauer, Phil Hirschi, Paul Nelson, Brent Jones, Doug Grimshaw, Dixie Leavitt, Ramon Prestwich, Kent Palmer, and LaRee Garfield, Secretary.

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Brent Jones. He then turned the time to Mike Silva from the State. Mike introduced the State people who work in the Cedar City office, Nathan Moses and Kurt Vest. He then reported that Lee Sim had retired last June, and Jared Manning was introduced as his replacement. Brent then commented that we will follow the agenda which had been distributed to those present. He asked about the Minutes from last year's meeting, and since there were no Minutes taken, he asked LaRee if she would transcribe them from the State website, and they will be considered next year, along with the 2012 Minutes. Brent then asked Commissioner Sam Bauer to present his Commissioner's Report for 2011.

Sam reported that the 2011 water year was above average. The stream peaked on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 454 c.f.s. The water remained good throughout the growing season. The 2012 water year is looking to be below average. We've had a very mild winter, and not much moisture. Hopefully, we will get more moisture during the coming months. The work the City has done on the new diversion has worked better for us this year than any other year since it was installed. We are still having a problem with sand and have suggested to the City ways of correcting that problem. Currently, the pond needs to be flushed out two or even four times a day to wash out the sand build up. Every time the pond is flushed, four irrigation companies lose water. Sam's access to the diversion was not a problem. Something needs to be done about measuring the Southwest Field water. The Commissioner has in his possession the following equipment: one, four drawer filing cabinet and one Dell laptop computer. Kurt asked if Sam was able to get where he needed to go to deal with the water, and he said that he was able to come in the west side. Brent then called for a motion to accept the 2011 Commissioner's Report. Paul Nelson moved for acceptance of the report; Ramon Prestwich seconded; motion carried. Sam reported that they had no problem with rocks this year, but Paul said that sand was a major problem. Sam said that the City has come up with an alternative that should take care of the sand problem. A pipe with inlets would be placed in the bottom of the diversion, and Ramon said that the pipe would need to be small enough to have good velocity. Sam said that the project probably wouldn't be completed this year because the City has no money set aside for this purpose. However, he said he will contact them to see if we could get a quick fix done this year and then fix it permanently for next year. The South and West Field water is difficult to measure, as the City messed it up when they put the pipe under the ground for the foot trail. Mike will write a letter to the City with our concerns and will include this matter in his letter.

Brent then asked Jared Manning to tell us a little about himself. He said that he has sat in an office at Water Rights for 14 years, and now he gets to go out and meet the people. He is looking forward to getting to know the people in our area.

Mike reported that Webster Flat has 99% precipitation at this point, and the snowpack is at 71%. The mapping for our area is taking place now, and the State will be looking for someone to maintain the maps once the mapping process is completed. It will be up to the Distribution System to keep it up. Groundwater conditions in the valley are up from previous years. When we go to the mapping system, we will need a GIS expert to continue the process. We will need to consider this cost as we set our budget. In Parowan, they paid for the necessary equipment the prior year so they didn't have such a large increase in their budget all in one year. We may want to consider doing that.

Brent then called for a review of the 2011 Financial Report. Jared reported that we began the year with a balance of \$8,862.56. Total receipts were \$8,821.74. Expenditures totaled \$9,542.11, and we had an ending balance of \$8,142.19, December 31, 2011. Brent Jones called for a motion to approve the Financial Statement. Brent Hunter moved for approval; Sam Bauer seconded; motion carried.

Doug Grimshaw commented that Enoch City has a part time GIS person who also has the necessary equipment, and he may be able to help us with the mapping process when we get to that point.

The 2011 delinquent water assessments were then discussed. The delinquencies total \$741.88 this year. The delinquency of Park West Water Co. in the amount of \$18.51 is thought to belong to the Iron County Water Conservancy District. Brent will check on this. He will also check on the B&B Landholdings, LC in the amount of \$59.84. It was reported that Diana L. LeBaron (Rush Lake Ranch) is deceased. Ross Lebaron's son, Nathan, now farms the Rush Lake Ranch property. Sam will check on the Larry and Pam Olds delinquency in the amount of \$9.39. Dan and John Sherratt have the John Sims water.

The 2012 Proposed Budget was then discussed. Sam said that his salary could remain the same, \$5,585.00; Social Security was set at \$428.00; Insurance, \$60.00; Travel Expense, \$2,000.00, the same as last year. Secretary Expense remained at \$150.00; Miscellaneous Expenses, \$600.00; the State Engineer Assessment will be \$667.00; Annual Report, \$300.00. Total Budget: \$9,790.00. Chairman Jones called for approval of the 2012 budget. Sam Bauer moved for approval; Paul Nelson seconded; motion carried.

A discussion concerning the 2012 assessment was had. Dixie Leavitt pointed out that if the Budget is nearly \$9,800.00, we should consider raising the assessment accordingly. He then moved that the assessment be set at \$9,800.00; Brent Hunter seconded; motion carried.

Brent Jones then said that we need to elect a Distribution Chairman and two Board Members. The current Chairman is Brent Jones, and the Board Members are Paul Nelson and Ramon Prestwich. Brent Hunter moved that we retain the current Chairman and Board Members; Sam Bauer seconded; motion carried.

Sam asked if the State could help us with getting permission to burn our ditches. Paul said that he

would talk with Sam after the meeting and tell him who to get in touch with to get permission to burn..

Brent Jones called for a motion to adjourn. Paul Nelson moved for adjournment; Sam Bauer seconded; Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.